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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Chicago's Saint Luke's Hospital Complex comprises eight buildings located on the block south of 14th Street between Michigan Avenue and Indiana Avenue. Ranging in height from three to number stories, the hospital buildings all incorporate red brick with decorative sandstone or limestone details. A small church building in he midst of the complex provides an important architectural suggestion of the hospital's ecclesiastical origin. With a few exceptions, individually noted below, the buildings maintain their original architectural integrity. Physical proximity to the civic monuments in south Grant Park, particularly the Field Museum and Solder Field, influenced the design of some of the St. Luke's buildings. Today the St. Luke's Hospital Forms a notable landmark and includes the tailest building on the boundary of the south Grant Park civic development. The Hospital also maintains important associational links with and close physical proximity to the Prairie Avenue Historic District.

## 1, George Smith Memorial Building, 1435 S. Michigan

The George Smith Memorial Suilding is a six-story. U-shaped, courtyard building dasigned in 1906 and completed in 1908. The building, with a frontage of 140 feet on Michigan Avenue and a depth of 161 feet, provided private rooms for 125 patients as well as sixth-floor operating rooms which took advantage of the natural light available from large windows and skylights. The building makes a free and elegant adaptation of Renaissance architectural motifs. The six-story facade is divided into three dasign units; the first floor has large arched windows and skylights. The six-story facade is divided into three dasign units; the first floor has large arched windows and a central entryway at the base of the courtyard. A string course and corbelled cornice of Bedford Stone set the first and sixth floors aff from the rest of the building. The middle four stories are dasigned as a single facade unit in red brick. A monumental gateway, with three units, closes off the courtyard. A few sections of the wrought iron gate are missing; yet, the substantial gate frame and posts supporting two spheres of Dedford stone. The fourtain and flower beds of the original courtyard are no longer extant.

The only major addition to the building came in 1912 when the lelem L. Carter Solarium was built, unobtrusively, on the roof over the base of the courtyard. The basic interior plan and exterior design retains its historical character and architectural integrity. The only challenge to the integrity of the Smith Building comes from 1940s demnition of the adjacent building on the north. This demnition exposed an unadorned common brick wall on the north side of the Smith Building which was not designed for public viewing. The historical and overall architectural importance of the Smith Building clearly outweight the diminished integrity from this singleperspective viewpoint of the building. Future building could once again close off this wall. The Smith Building is considered significant. 1.5 1.111 10

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## 2. Kirkwood Building (Center of Complex)

The three-story square, brick Kirkwood Building located on the interior of the hospital block between the Smith Building on Michigan Avenue and the Main Building on Indiana Avenue was completed in 1916 to provide "a continuity of service" and temporary ward space during the demolition of older hospital buildings and the construction of new ones. Contemplated as only temporary quarters for patients and possibly nurses and as providing permanent space for a laundry and other hospital services, and hidden in the midst of the block, the Kirkwood Building was designed in an austere manner with no attention given to facede composition. A substantial remodeling of the kirkwood Building in 1950 for use as a central kitchen, laundry, and physical therapy facility eliminated any suggestion of its age or temporary use for hospital words. The kirkwood Building is considered a non-contributing structure.

## 3. Main Building, S. Indiana Avenue

The St. Luke's Haspital Main Building is a nineteen-story, rectangular building completed in 1925. The steel, reinferced concrete building with a Bedford stowe and brick exterior, has a 200 foot frontage or Indiana Avenue; the north two-turneds of the building is 55 foot in which, the coult third is 35 folt in which. The only wood used in the construction of this fireproof building wast into the front door.

Drawing on long established principles of skyscraper design, and paralleling the facade composition of the earlier Smith Building, the Main Building's facade set the upper and lower floors off into distinct cesion units and grouped the middle floors as a single unit. Two slight insets divice the facade vertically into three units, four bays wide on either end, and ten bays wide in the middle. The lower and upper floors of the building incorporate Renaissance and classical motifs and are built of Bedford stone while the middle unit is of brick. The base unit dathers in four floors--the lowest, entry, floor is rusticated and set off from the next three floors by a heavy stringcourse; the building's middle ten bays on second and third floors are nathered into five large arched openings which suggests the formal dignity of the institution. The fourth floor follows the window treatment and articulation of the ext thirteen floors but receives the same Bedford stone of the three floors below; i this provides a graceful transition between the stone of the base and the brick of he main facade. The top two floors pick up the classical motifs of the lowest four floors. Here two stories are again gathered into a single arch over each of the four bays on either end of the building, the central ten bays are separated in the top two stories by massive classical columns echoing the Soldiers Field Scadium which it rises above. The roof is surrounded by a decorative balustrage. The Main Building was planned with the anticipated development of Indiana Avenue and Lake Shore Drive as major traffic routes and thus the building provided its decorative embellishment to be viewed from the east; the west facade carries little decoration.

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The exterior of the Main Building maintains its original character and integrity. Some damage has been done to the interior; however, the style, layout, and finish of the original building are completely intact. The Main Building is considered significant.

## 4. Boiler House (Center of Complex)

In connection with the construction of the Main Building a new Boiler House with a twenty-story stack was built. The separate building for boilers and generators represented an advance over enrifer hospital dusing in terms of santation and protection from noise and fire; however, the Boiler House contains little historical or architectural significance in terms of its design, plan, or technology. The Boiler House is considered a non-contributing structure.

## 5. Grace Episcopal Church, S. Indiana Avenue

St. Luke's Hospital originated in the charitable activities of Grace Episconal Church. The Church building in the widst of the St. Luke's Hospital Complex was designed in 1925 and completed in 1929. The Church building is rectangular, 40 feet by 10 feet, and is a fine, smell, hall-type church, with no transet, a grainvanited ceiling, a single side-aisle on the month side of the building. The entrance portal and delicataly tracering tained glass window are designed to create a single unit which steps hack to the hall's pitched roof. The Church's style is a free adaptation of French and English Bethic forms. Typifying a trend in early twentich-century Chicago church design, which eclipsed earlier heavily rusticated stone exteriors of Forane-que design, the Grace Episcopal Church design subordinated ornament and carved forms to substiter, uninterrupted surfaces of Indiana Inmestone. The stripped-down ordern style nicel fit he constraints of the Church's 510,000 building budget.

The stained glass windows, the altar area, and the roof of the Church have sustained some damage, but the Church's primary historical character and merit remain intact and the building is considered among the significant structures in the complex.

## 6. Grace Parish House/Chicago Legal News Building, S. Indiana Avenue

The Grace Episcopal Church building is connected on the west, rear of the lot, with an 188% five-story, brick, square industrial building, 40 feet by 40 feet. When the Grace Church was occupied, this building was occupied and remonelled as a parish-house and hospital storage building. The top three floors, once occupied by the Chicago Legal New Company, remain undivided loft space. The wood-beam structure lacks any real historical or architectural significance in terms of the lospital, the Church, or Chicago industrial architecture. It is considered a non0.12.13.01.0

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## 7. Charles and Laura Schweppe Memorial Nurses Home, S. Indiana Avenue

The Schweppe Memorial Nurses Home was completed and dedicated May 21, 1943. The L-shaped building is constructed of brick and stone and originally had an eight story north-south wing running 180 feet along Indiana Avenue and a four story east-west wing. In 1944 a two-story addition of harmonious design was made on the east-west wing. The ground floor contained educational and communal eating and entertainment lounges, parlors and libraries. The upper floors provided accommodations for 313 nurses in single and double rooms. The Schweppe Building's 180 foot Indiana face, with its two four-story three bay wide pedimented and classically detailed entrance pavilions of white stone present a formal, monumental appearance; the rear of the building encloses a large lawn, creating an academic and residential effect unusual in this part of the city. On the Indiana facade the top two floors are gathered into a single arch motif. Windows throughout the building are grouped into pairs rather than being evenly spaced across the facade. The sixth floor windows have simple stone panels adjacent to them suggestive of shutters. The roof design of the Schweppe is particularly interesting; it incorporates a large lounge and a porticoed sun-deck--a design element familiar in hospital designs of the early twentieth century. On the south end of the building's north-south wing a one-story hipped-roof library was planned in connection with an enclosed garden.

The interior of the Schweppe Building has sustained damage due to vandalism. Its exterior architectural integrity is completely intact and it is considered a contributing building.

## 8. Sterling Morton Clinic Wing, S. Indiana Avenue

Completed in 1949, the eight-story Sterling Morton Clinic Wing of the Hospital was constructed of reinforced concrete with a brick exterior. The building has an 85 foot frontage on Indiana Avenue and a 47 foot depth; the wing is connected to the north end of the main building. The lower four floors of the Morton Wing served as in outpatient clinic while the top four floors provided forty double rooms for eighty edical residents and interns. The lower four floors have a three bay wide classially pedimented entrance pavilion projected to the Indiana Avenue lot line on the north third of the building; the south two-thirds of the building, six bays wide, and the upper four floors are all set-back from the lot line. The west side of the building is unornamented and has a two-bay wide projection. The fifth floor windows carry a highly stylized classical motif on the frames; the top three floors incorporate stone window frames. Designed by the same architect, the Morton and Schweppe buildings' classical entrance pavilions acho each other and tend to visually unify the entire Indiana Avenue stretch of hospital buildings. The Morton Wing is largely intact and maintains its original integrity; it is considered a contributing structure.

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The Saint Loke's Mospital Complex is unique in Chicago as an intact ensemble of hospital building, dating from the first four decades of the twentreth century. constructed on a site in continuous use by the Hospital from 1071. Viewed in terms of it, parochial institutional history and in terms of other extant Chicago hospital conters, Si, Lute's corresponds in varying degrees to the National Register Criteria A, B, and C. In the Smith Building the 't. Luke's Horpital has the oldest and finest hostical building in Chicago devoted exclusively to the care of private pay-patients. The limith and Rain Buildings significantly chart a major change in the "broad patterms of our history"---the transition in medical partice from a charity basis to a more broadly public basis of hospitalization. The Hospital complex, in the names of families accorninged in its buildings -built, Schweipe, Morton--and also in the names of magnital trastees and financial contributors represents a monument and testament to the religious tharity and private philonthropy of feading Chicagoans especially that who resided in the adjacent Prairie Avenue neighborhood. These people are among Chicago's city-builders and can be characterized as "persons signaficent in our past." The buildings also represent examples of the work of major Chicago architectural firms -- Frost & Grander, Talumadge & Watson, and Schmidt, Garden & Entrickson. The buildings enbody "distinctive characteristics of a type"--huspital construction; and, also document important aspects of the dusign process-the casting about appne architecture's functional precedents to locate a design model which can we adopted to a specific need. In the case of the Saint Luce's Nospital, architects turned to the medels of luxurnous residential hotels and contercial skyscrapers to respond importively, not only to changes in medical practice, but to larger urban developments.

This nomination includes three buildings which may not meet National Register criteria by themselves but which contribute to 11 - significance of the complex in design, history, function and scale. The Grace facebal Church is no longer would or used by a religious organization; it is construct and significant and does not appear to be desqualified based on the usual exclusion of religious buildings. The Schweppe Nures Home (1943) and Horton Clinic (1949) do not meet the despare eligibility requirement. However, they are viewed as continuiting structures based on the fact that as standard features of mearly all early twenticth contropy medical contents, which in fact replaced ninetconth-content buildings which screed the same role, they contribute to the integrity of the Horpital Complex. They are viewed as structures which contribute to the overall integretation of this site as a medical center. 

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Schwoppe Norses Home has architectural character and merit of its own, and brought to Saint Luke's Hospital the services of Schmidt, Garden, & Erickson--Chicago's premier hospital design firm.

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## B. Explanation

This explanation section consists of general background on the Hospital Complex and an analysis of buildings. It contains sections comparing two primary buildings to other hospitals in Chicago, in order to firmly establish the significance of the complex in the context of local hospital development.

#### Background

Reverend Clinton E. Locke founded St. Luke's Hospital in 1864 as one of the charitable activities of the Grace Episcopal parish. The hospital originally occupied a cottage with seven beds. As the city grew and Locke appealed to other Episcupal parishes for contributions, the hospital expanded. In 1871 it moved to the present Indiana Avenue site and occupied an old boarding house with fifty beds. Between 1892 and 1890 St. Luke's constructed five hospital building pavilions decised by Treat & Foltz which gave the hospital "heautitul and well arranged buildings," and increased the capacity of the hospital to 152 heds." In 1884 the Vestry of the Grace Episcopal Church passed a resolution of thanks on the twertyfifth anniversary of Clinton Locke's rectorship which singled out the St. Luke's Nospital as a monument to charity and philanthrong. The resolution stated: In opposition to the fears and misgivings of many he at an early day persisted in organizing the great charity known as St. Luke's Hospital, a work that had its beginnings in humble and obscure rooms but which, through faith and work and Lroad and liberal management, has reached out so as to include the whole diocese making the charity now the grand work of all the parishes of the state and of the liberally disposed of all good people of the city." In appealing for charitable contributions to the hospital, Lock's and the St. Luke's Hospital gained the support of leading Chicagoans and many Prairie Avenue residents, including the Amaours, Fields, Pullmans, Crerars, Ryersons, Pecks, Doanes, and Fairbanks. The charitable association counts for some of this site's historical significance.

In order to understand the innovations represented by the extant St. Luke's Hospital buildings, it is necessary to take account of the substantial transitions in late-nineteenth-century hospital practice. Through much of the nineteenth-century nearly all hospitals were charity hospitals. The poor received medical care in the hospital while middle and upper class patients were privately treated in their homes. In the 1800's with major progress in the ticlds of bacteriology and hygiene, and advances in medical and surgical techniques, the hospital slowly became a more attractive facility for the wealthy. The replacement of private residence with nospital treatment for all classes awaited the development of buildings which provided a United States Department of the Interior Heritage Concernation and Recreation Service For BUS as only Matiatral Register of Mistaric Macos recive Investionly - Departmention Forma date intered Investionly - Departmention Forma date intered

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degree of social segregation and more amenities than custumary in the older charity hospital designs.

In 1886 the St. Luke's Annual Report stated, "Until quite recently [hospital] use has been restricted to the absolutely poor, and hence [the] great prejudice against them on the part of that very large class, who, while health continues, enjoy the use of many of the luxuries as well as the necessities of life . . . Another source of prejudice arose from the fact that most of the older hospitals, having been built with little regard for hygienic principles or sanitary laws, exhibited a most disastrous mortality in their statistics. A better understanding of these laws and principles has gone for to disabuse the public mind of this prejudice as it has led to the construction and care of hospital buildings which in sanitary results really far surpass the majority of private dwellings." The transition from home to hospital delivery of babies in the twentieth-century dramatically illustrates this changing perception and use of the hospital. Despite the new hospital buildings constructed at St. Luke's in the 1880s, which included forty private rooms, in 1889 only thirty-three per cent of the 819 patients treated were "pay patients." The rest were free patients paid for by private charitable contributions. Twenty years later this figure had reversed itself; in 1909 when 6,5% patients were treated at St. Luke's Hospital nearly two-thirds of both the patients treated and the bays of treatment provided went to pay patients. The statistics suggest what the twentiethcentury buildings reflect -- first, hospitals were no longer the medical facility of last recort, and, second, larger numbers of patients were being treated. These changes both at St. Luke's and across the United States led to the construction of entirely different, modern, hospital complexes.

The 1880s St. Luke's Hospital buildings provided some private rooms, but not nearly enough to keep pace with changing medical and public attitudes about hospivalization and Chicago's rapidly expanding population. In the early 190.5 patients paid for beds both in the Hospital's large open wards and in private and semi-private rooms. Private nursing care cost between \$15 and \$25 per week. In the early 1900s the growing demand for more private accommodations led the Hospital to seek money for additional hospital buildings. As part of the Hospital's plans the analogy to hotel construction frequently arose. In 1904 the Annual Report stated, "The demand for better hospital conditions is Recoming more and more urgently apparent. The best accommodations are in the greatest demand. . . . Every one who can at all afford it will gladLy pay for greater privacy, and the tendency of the demand is strongly for smaller wards and better private rooms. Hospital management in certain branches is conducting a hotel for the sick . . . . It is reasonable that a public, accustomed to a high class of accommodations when they are in good health, should expect and be willing to pay for at least as good conditions when they are ill. Hospital buildings have not improved, during the period mentioned, in the same degree as hotels. This is plainly true of Chicago."  $\rightarrow$  emphasis on privacy, higher standards of accommodation, and the attention to arcditectural models, like the hotel, represented a new

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direction in hospital design--one in which the St. Luke's Hospital assumed a leading role.

## Smith Building, 1435 S. Michigan Avenue

The George Smith Memorial Building is the oldest extant hospital building in the St. Luke's complex. In 1906 James Henry Smith gave St. Luke's cash and land worth over \$500,000 for the construction of a building intended exclusively for the treatment of private patients. The building vas a memorial to Smith's cousin, George, an early resident and businessman in Chicago. The architectural firm of Frost & Granger designed the six-story U-shaped building in 1906. The building with a frontage of 140 feet on Michigan Avenue and a depth of 161 feet provided private rooms for 125 patients and opened in October 1908. The building is Chicago's earliest hospital building entirely devoted to private room accommodations.

Charles S. Frost worked closely with Louis R. Curtis, the Hespital Superintendent, and designed a building very close to the small luxury hole model the Mospital had sought. Frost, au M.I.T. trained architect, had been a partner in the tirm of Cobb & Frost from 1882-1898. With Henry Ives Cobb he had designed the Union and Calumet Clubs, the Newberry Library, the Old Chargon Historical horizon Rulining and several early buildings for the University of Chicago campus. Frost later designed the La Salla Street and Northwestern stations, the Northern Trust Building, the Durand Memorial Hospital for Infactious Disease, the Borland Building, and the office building for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company. One person observed of the Smith Building, "Perhaps the most noticeable feature is the lack of what might be termed the hospital atmosphere. The building has the appearance of a quiet modern hotel."

A 1908 description of the Smith Memorial Building records its innovative departure from existing hospital design: "Today it stands as a radical departure from all accepted forms. Precedent has had little influence, except as a danger signal from which to turn in the construction of . . . the new building . . . the aspect is that of a luxurious modern apartment hotel. Pass the portal and you find yourself in a spacious, cheerful hotel-like lobby with . . . a handsome large marble fireplace, ...assive marble pillars and a mosaic\_floor . . . the rooms are such as you will find in the homes of well-to-do people."<sup>O</sup> The private rooms could be occupied separately or combined as suites for patients who wished to be attended by friunds, relatives, or personal servants during their hospitalization. A large number of private bathrooms connected with the rooms. The corridors were lined with marble and mosaic, special art filters and ventilators assured clean air, and duble hung windows protected against noise and dirt. Operating rooms on the north side of the sixth floor took advantage of the natural lighting available from large windows and shylights. In 1912 the Helen L. Carter Solarium was constructed on the roof of the Smith Building.

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The Smith Building responded in an innovative manner to the problems and possibilities of its urban, streetscape, context. Part of the Michigan Avenue site was donated to the Hospital in 1801 by St. Luke's trustee, N. K. Fairbanks, who lived three blocks south in a Michigan Avenue mansion. From its early acquisition the Hopsital planned to build a building here which would serve as the "principal front" of the hospital and became "an ornament to that fine street." Despite the growing commercialization of Michigan Avenue in the early twentieth-century, the Hospital still constructed a building appealing to the tastes of the residents of the earlier wealthy residential section. Nevertheless, the Hospital's attempts to stay in close proximity to a burgeoning downtown -- for the convenience of doctors, patients and visitors and to serve in medical emergencies -- caused some design problems. The traditional imagery of a quiet, sanctuary-like, place for physical restoration seemed challenged by the bustle and commerce at the doorstep. The Smith Building design met these problems by orienting nearly all patient rooms toward the building's courtyard. By turning inward the huilding attempted to escape the noise, dirt, dust, and smoke of the surrounding neighborhood. The plan insured that as other buildings were constructed adjacent to the Smith Memorial only auxiliary rooms and offices would be deprived of light. The response to the street was in many ways similar to that found in Richardson's miessner douse constructed theney years contien, a few blocks couth of the St. Eule's Pospital. In 1909 the Hospital Annual Peport concluded that the Smith building "overcome. in large measure, all the objections such as noise and smoke incident to a location near the center of the city. The building has been the subject of much favorable comment, not only in this country, but abroad." Some interior partitions have been removed, some added, yet the Smith Memorial Building retains its historical character and integrily.

In the context of the "charity" hospital, many viewed the Smith Memorial design as "extravagent." The Hospital trustees countered this view by maintaining that the Building and its wealby patients provided a substantial endowment for the charity work of the Hospital. The Smith Building did provide support for the Hospital's charity works and also established a standard of patient care, privacy, and amonity toward which the entire Hospital soon aspired. In 1910 the trustees declared the "cessity of replacing the 18.3"s Indiana Avenue buildings with larger buildings enviting greater bed space and increased segregation of patients build by class and according to a more vigonous medical specialization of wards. In 1912 the trustees declared the need for more open words and also recognized the needs of a new class of middle-Income patients: "There is . . an insistent demand for accommodations which may be best described as to accommodate two or firme patients conducted on a parity with the open wards except as to privacy and visiting privilegs is meeded to meet the wants of the class who are ill fitted for the open wards, but are unable to meet the wants of the class who are into the state of the active state is demand."<sup>10</sup>

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## The Smith Building and Other Illinois Hospitals

The only other hospital in Chicago to construct a separate building for private patient care during the early 1900s was Presbyterian Hospital. The Private Pavilion at Presbyterian Hospital emerged under the same circumstances as the Smith Building vidid at St. Luke's. In November, 1903 Presbyterian Hospital opened its new brick, six-story Private Pavilion to serve well-to-do patients in private rooms. The building was expanded in 1916, and more recently, the sixth floor sum parlor and surgical section were substantially altered and a seventh floor has been added. In comparing the two buildings there is no question that the Smith Building is a finer design which is more significant in its use of luxurious models, and retains greater integrity. The only other evtant private patient building in Chicago in the mode of the Smith Building is Meyer House of Michael Reese Hospital designed by Schmidt, Garden, & Erickson two decades after the design for the Smith Building.

Surprisingly, the St. Luke's Smith Building is one of only a handful of hospital buildings surviving in Chicago from the late nineteenth and early twentieth conturies. The main tendency of Chicago hospital development has been the demolision of older hospital buildings in the search for land to build new hospital buildings. The St. Luke's complex is unusual in cataking an intast early structure, which uppresented a departure in hospital design, and is still suprounded by buildings which complexed it in scale rather than overshadowing it.

When the Smith Building opened in 1908 its 125 bed capacity exceeded the size of every private hospital in the State outside of Chicago. The medical centers of Chicago thus appear to form an architectural group of their own. The Smith Building is significant in the history of Chicago Hospital Development and probably precedent setting in the state.

### Indiana Avenue Buildings

The three-story brick Kirkwood Building, completed in 1915 between the Smith Nemorial and the Indiana Avenue buildings, was constructed to provide "a continuity of service" between the anticinated destruction of the old hospital buildings and the construction of a new building. The first floor served as a central hospital laundry.

World War I stalled the St. Luke's Building Fund drive and at the same time pointed out the difficulties and costliness of operating a numeteenth-century hospital building under prevailing, twantieth-century, theories of hospital management and nursing care. In 1919 the new building was viewed as the Hospital's "mest pressing need." The Hospital trustnes werried that the lack of a new building would threaten the "prestige and position" of the Hospital and its standing among Chicago's "three best hospitals." The rising standards of patient care and demands for further 100 1 0 (11 /8)

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classification of patients lay behind the plans for a new building. In 1920 the trustees declared "without question greater confort and better service could be rendered ward patients in small, sanitary wards, instead of large, antiquated ones now in use. Again there is a continued demand for lower priced rooms and small wards for the men and women in moderate circumstances who refuse to enter the Hospital as free patients and yet cannot afford to pay the excessive prices necessary to maintain the present private rooms."<sup>4</sup> The trend toward smaller wards, greater privacy, and more efficient plan and operation, introduced in the Smith Memorial, served as a model for St. Luke's later huildings and characterized modern hospital development in general.

In the twentieth-century as modern hospitals came to serve larger numbers of patients with greater numbers of beds, economy and efficiency of operation, tempered by patient and medical needs, became leading considerations in hospital design. In 1909 just after the completion of the Smith Memorial St. Luke's treated 4,620 patients who stayed in the hospital a total of 71,966 days. In 1923 just prior to the construction of a new Main Hospital building the patient census had risen to 10,014, accounting for 112,040 hospital days. Confronted with this rising scale of hospital operations, hospital administrators and architects paid increasingly close attention in insuital plan and layout. In 1927 Coward F. Dievens, a leading hospital architect, declared, "The well-functioning hospital must be planned from the standpoint of efficiency in management and comfort of patients, and should be an architectural design at once pleasing and practical."<sup>15</sup> The chief objects to be obtained in modern hospital design were "first-- efficiency; second--economy in coast struction; third--economy in maintenance; fourth--absolutely fireproof hospitals." Increased attention paid to efficiency and economy combined with new sanitary theories and hygienic practice to give the modern hospital a higher density form. The modern, high-density, hospital building of the twentieth-century increasingly oclipsed the sprawling mineteenth-century hospital plan which placed separate wards in widely separated pavilion buildings connected by a central corridor system, a form which proved to require greater labor and supervision to operate."

#### Main Ruilding

When St. Luke's Hospital vacated its older 1880s hospital buildings in 1924 to make way for a new building, it literally and figuratively carried to new heights the strictures for modern, economic, efficient and high density hospital design. The Hospital neglated its five old separate, pavilion, buildings with a single nineteenstory building. Upon its completion in 1925 the building was the tallest hospital building in the United States. With the exception of the inclusion of some larger wards that are fomiliar oday, the 1925 Main St. Luke's Nolpital Building captured and codified nearly all of the design trends underlying the modern hospital of today. In 1916, announcing early plans for the building the trustees stated, "The new building will be operated on the most economical lines and its up 'map will be cared for 12 9 7 72 [23 -0]

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through the lowered cost of administration and the increased income of the part-pay wards . . . The key-note of our thinking today is efficiency." "Even prior to the construction of the Main Building St. Luke's administrators had inaugurated an "Efficiency Committee" to monitor closely the cost and care of patients.

As in the Smith Memorial Building the Main Building design resulted from the close collaboration of the architect Charles S. Frost and the Hospital Superintendent, Louis R. Curtis. The steel, reinforced concrete building with a stone and brick exterior, has a 200 foot frontage on Indiana Avenue; the north two-thirds of the building is 58 feet in width, the south third is 35 feet in width. The most striking and significant aspect of the Main Building is the unusual application of the skyscraper form to hospital design, a plan which originated from the new emphasis on economy and efficiency. In 1926 the trustees succinctly outlined the considerations underlying their design: "The tall structure was selected after very careful consideration, for the following reasons; the high cost of land; lower con-struction cost; economy in operation." Without adding any land to the hospital site the Hospital's bed capacity increased from 400 to 600 with room to expand to nearly 800 beds. This increased capacity was achieved at the same time that patients were afforded more space and privacy. The hospital promoted efficiency by incorporating many of the mechanical cystems which hid led to the popularity and development of high-rise office and hotel structures. Elevators, dumb-waiters, pneumatic tubes, linen chuter, mail chutes, telephone systems, in-building libraries, kitcuens, all expedited hospital operation and made the skyscraper form adaptable for hospital use.

The functions of the hospital were segregated by floor. A physiotherapy room occupied the bacement along with supply department, records room, and receiving wards. The hospital offices, emergency, out-patient, and social work services were located on the first floor. The St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing occupied the second floor and the third through fifth floors served as nurses residences which were designed to be converted to patient rooms as the haspital expanded. The sixth and seventh floors were devoted to the small private and semi-private rooms, accommodating sixty-four patients of "modest means" which the hospital had sought since shortly after the completion of the Smith Memorial Building. The eighth, ninth and ignth floors were devoted to specialize children's words, and the eleventh through seventeenth fl.ors housed general medical and surgical wards. Research laboratories vere located on the eighteenth floor: x-ray and operating rooms were on the nineteenth floor. The north end of the building included a twentieth story with an amphitheatre for the main surgical unit and a machine room. On the ward floors, instead of the older very line wards, rooms accommodated variously one, two, four, five, or fifteen patients. I dissignments were now made according to medical need of the patient rather than a lity to pay. Thus while nearly twenty-five per cent of the patients were still in the free charity category, they received the same treatment and space as paying patients -- a modern conception of hospital administration. The enameled white interior of many of the wards placed a higher degree of emphasis

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on sanitary facilites than the home-like rooms in the Smith Memorial Building. The Main Building cost approximately \$2,300,000 to build.

In many ways the Main Building represented as much of an innovation in its orientation to its immediate urban context as the Smith Building had earlier; however, rather than turning inward the new Main Building turned upward and eastward. Incorporating arguments made earlier in favor of commercial skyscrapers, the trustees argued that the skyscraper hospital promised to deliver patients located on the upper floors from the noise, dust, and dirty air of the streets and urban neighborhood surrounding the Hospital. The sixth floor was the lowest floor occupied by patients when the building first opened which guaranteed a degree of separation from the street. More importantly, the design took advantage of major urban improvement projects in the vicinity, to the east. The long narrow form of the Main Building provided the greatest number of windows facing east that were possible on the Huspital site. Earlier these windows would have faced out over the sheds, buildings, noise, smoke, and dirt of the Illinois Central Railroad; however, by the time the building was built the anticipated electrification of the railroad promised a cleaner, less noisy district. The plans for Indiana Avenue also called for its widening and improvement, changing the street from a "back street" into a main avenue. Of central importance in determining the final design for the hospital was the anticipated improvements along the Outer Lake Shore Drive directly east of the Respired. The Hain despited Building at St. Luke's Hospital rose to mineteen stories, taking advantage of the anticipated views of the lake Michigan Shore improvements, in particular the boldier Field Stadium and the Field Museum of Natural History. In the years following the completion of the Honsital the Shedd Aquarium and the Adler Planetarium were added to this grand architectural ensemble. Reviewing the Hospital plan one critic observed, "Nothing will interrupt the inspiring view of the broad structures of Late Richigan over take classical structures."<sup>20</sup> No other building in Chicago enjoyed a grander No other building in Chicago enjoyed a grander view of these Chicago Plan improvements. The interior layout of the Hospital also took advantage of the view to the cast. All rooms for patients faced east; the toilets, killens, cafeterias, nursing stations, elevators, utility nooms, storage rooms all used the space on the west side of the building. Faced with the problem of building a modern hospital on a difficult central-city site, the Main Building designers responded by removing patients as far as possible from the ground-level and by framing a dramatic birds-eye view of natural scenery and classical architecture.

## Main Building and Other Chicago Hospitals

A few Chicago hospitals expanded in the mid and late 1°20s along with St. Luke's and still have 1920s buildings extant."I St. Luke's stands apart from these acopital developments in that it is part of a medical complex which includes buildings which date from earlier than 1925. The Nain Building, the tailest loopita' building in the United States when it was constructed, was the only Chicago hospital prior to 1940 to solve its administrative and spatial meds by constructing an extremely tall

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building. A hospital design solution familiar in 1920s New York, St. Luke's Main Building stood alone in Chicago until the new Wesley Hospital, eighteen stories, was constructed in 1940–1941. The earlier hospital centers developed in the period of the Smith Building do not have equally substantial buildings dating from the 1910s and 1920s.

## Grace Episcopal Church Building

Irony characterizes the twentieth-century relationship between Grace Episcopal Church and the St. Luke's Hospital. The Hospital originated as one of the many charitable activities of the church. In the 1920s this relationship reversed itself as the Hospital trustees merged with the Church Vestry in an attempt to sustain, support and give life to the parish. In 1913 William Otis Harris described the conditions he found in the parish and surrounding the Church when he assumed its rectorship in 1902: "Once standing on a beautiful residence avenue, surrounded by the confortable homes of prosperous families, its neighborhood had completely changed to a district of cheap boarding houses, lodging and tenements, with all their accompanying misery, squalor, vice and wretchedness. Its parishioners had fled . . . . Its losses by death or remotal of those who had been its pillars and chief supporters were heavy. Business was rapidly forcing its way in. 52 The Hospital shared these neighborhood changes since its site was only one block east of the Church. The Church increasingly served as an institutional focus for its tenement neighborhood and attempted to serve as a parish for downtown businessmen and visitors -- an endowment raised from older wealthy parishoners permitted such a redefinition of the Church's role. When a 1915 fire destroyed the Church building and delays plagued the efforts to rebuild the structure the concregation and church mission shrank further. Increasingly the Church defined its mission as ministering to the sick at St. Luke's Hopsital. In the early 1920s it actually took over the Hospital chapel as its main place of worship.

As St. Luke's expanded in the twentreth-century the hopes of successive Hospital chaplains was for the contruction of a chapel "to comport in dignity with the Smith Memorial and proposed new buildings." As plans for reconstruction of the old Grate Thurch Building faded, plans developed to construct the parish's main Church on a .ite adjacent to the Hospital, to serve Hospital needs. In 1923 David Evans, a Member of the Church Vestry, wrote to Edward L. Ryerson, a Hospital trustee, "hy combining the work of the two institutions, therefore, St. Luke's weild be enabled to concentrate on the operation of a large worker hospital, while Grace Church would find employment for its funds and its energies, as planned by present and former wembers of the parish. Working together they would cure, not alone the bodily ills, but quicken the spiritual life of the community."

In 1926 with the Church Vestry dominated by key figures in St. Luke's Hospital, Charles II. Schweppe, Edward L. Ryerson, Louis R. Curtis and Frank Hibbard, plans were FARE A DE DE SA

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tinally undertaken for construction of a new Church building just south of the Main Hospital building on Indiana Avenue. Earlier buildings for the Granc Episcopal parish were designed by distinguished architects. William Le Baron Jenney designed the 1875 church building. A 1906 Church chapel was designed by Cram, Goudhue and Ferguson who also designed a new building for the old site after the 1915 fire, which was never built. In 1926 Edward L. Ryerson asked Thomas Eddy, Tallmadge, a leading Chicago architect, to design the new Grace Episcopal Church."

Fallmadge was educated at M.I.T. and after his graduation in 1898 worked for Daniel H. Burnham & Company until 1905 when he organized a firm, Tallmadge & Watson, with Vernon S. Watson. Among the firm's best known church designs are Chicago's First Presbyterian. Figin's First Methodist, the Union Church in Hinsdale, the Grace Lutheran in River Forest, and the First Methodist Episcopal, First Baptist and First Congregational Churches in Evanston.

Supplementing the funds for the Church available from the insurance on the old building, Edward L. Ryerson contributed \$25,000 to the building fund and took an active part in its design. A member of the Vestry reported to a contributor: "It was Mr. Rverson's idea, and concurred in by all the rest of the Vestry, that as much as Grace Church will be devoted principally to institutional work in comparison with the Hespital. . . the note of simplicity should be observed throughout. I do not mean by this that the interior should be so plain as to create a feeling of coldness on austerity but plain in a way which will reflect the very finest taste and dignity. All the materials and designs so far have been of the very best, but we have had to fight with the architects to avoid over-ornamentation [of the interior]."2 The Vestry felt their design adhered to the best trends in modern ecclesiastical style. The building was compared favorably with Bertram Goodhue's design for Pockefeller Chopel at the University of Chicago which was "large and hundsome," with a "beautiful interior," and yet was "simplicity itself," and considered "by far the finest ecclesiastical structure in the city.'

Aside from participating in a modern evaluation of ecclesiastical architecture, the Church Vestry and Bishop Charles P. Anderson envisioned the new Church building as taking an important stand in the center of the Lakefront improvements. Most importantly the Church structure evoked Lie religious and charitable origins of the St. Luke's Hospital.<sup>4</sup> The Church's cornerstone was laid on April 29, 1928 and the building was dedicated May 5, 1929.

Although the Grace "piscopal Church is a fairly modest building if is stylistically suggestive of some of Chicago's finest ecclesizatical architecture--including Cram, Goodhue, and Fernison's Fourth Presbyterian Church, Tallmadye & Walson's First Presbyterian Church, and Pertram Goodhue's Rockefeller Chipel. The Grace Episcopal Church admirably codifies the principles and style of these larger contemporary buildings. It also is important for its visual suggestion of the religious and Halfed D. Cos Doparticeut of the Infector Deficies Concernition and Decretion Pervice Prencision say Effective at Recyclicity of Relieving Process in along Frances Recyclicity - Adventification Relation (Content Confection Concernition (Content) (Content) (Content) Confection and (Content) (Cont

charitable origin of the hospital-an architectural reflection of hospital institutional history which is not presented as strikingly at any of Chicago's hospitals. The church is a significant part of the Hospital complex.

## Schweppe Building

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In 1940, ectoing plans conceived in the 1920s and delayed by the Depression. Charlos H. Schweppe, President of the St. Luke's Board of Trustees, declared, "One of the greatest immediate needs in St. Luke s proposed long-range huilding program is an enlarged School of Nursing, of which the most urgently needed unit is a new Nurses' Residence . . . provid[ing] housing, educational and recreational accommodations for our students and graduate nurses. Upon its completion, two floors of Main Euilding now housing students would be available fog much meeded additional ward space to accommodate patients unable to pay more." Schweppe did not live to see his plan realized; however, his proposal and his long philanthropic association with the Hospital was memorialized when Charles and Laura Schweppe Memorial Nurses Home was dedicated May 21, 1943.

The Schweppe Building, with the Morton Clinic Building, complete the medical conter character of St. Luke's Hoppitals, They are comparable with each other, providing closure to the complex by placing a white stone classically pedimented entry at its northern and southain ends.

Taken together the complex's significant and contributing buildings capture on a single site more thoroughly than other Chicago hospitals, and with architectural distinction, the design and evolution of early twentieth century medical practice and hospital design.

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| Presbyterian Hospical-<br>James Memorial Building | 1889<br>(oldest<br>surviving<br>in Chicago | Romanesque<br>)  | Poor: severely<br>remodelled 1916<br>and after |
| St. Anthony's                                     | 1393                                       | German Rennaissance<br>4 stories, brick and<br>stone; H.S. Schlacks,<br>architect; ward-<br>charity hospital | Substantial addi-<br>tions 1908                |

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| Michael Reese Hospital<br>Main Building | 1905-07 | Prairie Style, Schmidt<br>Garden & Erickson.<br>Private romms and<br>charity wards com-<br>bined. Part of much<br>larger, more diverse<br>morern hospital<br>complex | Intact         |
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From the period between 1910 and 1920, a few hospital buildings, which are of loss architectural distinction then St. Luke's buildings, furvive at Swedich Covenant Hospital. Mt. Sinai Borpital, Presbyterian Hospital and Illinois Central Hospital. Significant among these before its recent discondant (Iterations was the Durand Hospital Building (now Cook County), designed by Churles Frost in 1912.

The only ofter hospitals in Chicago which pre-date 1920 merit separate consideration irow St. Luke's, as either publicly supported hospitals, or special treatment centers. These are: Cook County Hospital (1912-14; Schnidt and Gerhardt, which merits National Register consideration on itr own); St. Anne's (1903) and Luberculosis Hospital, (1908), both or consumptive care; mental hospitals, including Cook County Psychopathic (1914).

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.H, Utah County, Provo, Brown, George M., House, 984 E. 100 North (19/01/89)

ISCONSIN, <u>Date County</u>, Madison, <u>Steensland</u>, <u>Halle</u>, <u>House</u>, 315 N. Carroll St. (11/30/82)
 WISCONSIN, <u>Jafferson County</u>, Fort Alkinson, <u>Hoard</u>, <u>Arthur</u> R., <u>House</u>, 323 Merchants Ave. (11/30/82)
 WISCONSIN, <u>Dutagemic County</u>, Appleton, <u>Callero Ayenine (Usteric District</u>, 215 W. to 109 E., and 110 W. to 102 E. College Avec, 106-114 N. Onida St. (12/03/82)

WISCONSIN, <u>Shebovgan County</u>, Elkhart Lake, <u>Villa von Baumhach</u>, 754 Flkhart Lake Dr. (11/30/82) WISCONSIN, <u>Shebovgan County</u>, Shebovgan, <u>Kohler, John Michael, House</u>, 608 New York Ave. (11/30/82)

WISCONSIN, Walworth County, Lake Geneva, Smith, T. C., House, 865 Main St. (11/30/82)

The following properties were also entered in the National Register but were excluded from a previous notice:

CONNECTICUT, Hartford County, New Britain, Walnut Hill Park, W. Main St. (11/30/8?)

FLORIDA, St. Johns County, St. Augustine, Bridge of Lions, King St. (11/19/82)

ILLINOIS, County, Chicago, St. Luke's Hospital Complex, 1435 S. Michigan Ave., 1400 Block S. Indiana Ave. (11/24/82)

MICHIGAN, Genesee County, Atlas, Atlas Grange Hall (Genesee County MRA), 8530 Perry Rd. (11/26/82)MICHIGAN, Genesee County, Byron, Bird/Boyd Farm House (Genesee County MRA), 14215 Bird Rd. (11/26/82) MICHIGAN, Genesee County, Byron, Middlesworth, Isnac R., Farm House (Genesee County MRA). 11355 Roiston Rd. (11/26/82) MICHIGAN, Genesee County, Clio, House at 4344 Frances Road (Genesee County MRA), 4344 Frances Rd. (11/26/82) MICHIGAN, Genesee County, Clio, Mauk & Hammer/Houghton Flevator (Genesee County MPA), 315 W. Vienna St. (11/26/82) MICHIGAN, Genesee County, Clio, Tinker, Harry C., House (Genesee County MRA), 19030 Lewis Pd. (11/96/82) MICHIGAN, Genesee County, Davison, Barn at 4977 Irish Road (Genesee County MRA), 4977 Irish Pd. (11/26/82)MICHIGAN, Genesee County, Davison, McAra, John, House (Genesee County MRA), 2157 [rish Rd. (11/26/82) MICHIGAN, Genesee County, Davison, Van Ruskirk, John, Farm House (Genesee County MRA), 7248 Coldwater Rd. (11/26/82) MICHIGAN, Genesee County, Fenton, Bangs, Benjamin, House (Genesee County MPA), 919 S. Leroy St. (11/26/82) MICHIGAN, Genesce County, Fenton, Church, Volney, /Carlos B, Shotwell House (Genesee County MRA), 81? S. Adelaide St. (11/26/82) MICHIGAN, Genesee County, Fenton, Colwell, David B., House (Genesee County MRA), 901 S. Leroy St. (11/26,'82) MICHIGAN, Genesee County, Fenton, Fonton Railroad Depot (Genesee County MRA), 907 Silver Lake Rd. (11/26/82)